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Subject: Eligibility for (b)(3) One-time Transitional Costs Service

This Joint Communication Bulletin is to clarify which populations are eligible for the Medicaid 1915(b)(3) One-time Transitional Costs service. The 1915(b) waiver states that the populations eligible for this service include:

Adults who are functionally eligible for, but not enrolled in the NC Innovations 1915(c) waiver program; OR individuals in the special population receiving treatment planning who have Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) who reside in an Adult Care Home determined to be an Institution for Mental Disease; individuals with SPMI transitioning from Adult Care Homes and State Psychiatric Institutions; and individuals diverted from entry into Adult Care Homes due to preadmission screen and diversion.

The plan may choose to provide to other populations under 42 CFR 438.6(e) if cost effective alternatives to State Plan services.

Per the May 9, 2002 State Medicaid Directors Letter(SMDL) #02-008, the individual must be moving out of a licensed facility, their family home, hospital or institution into his or her own home. Here is the link to the SMDL reference: <https://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/downloads/smd050902a.pdf>

1915(b)(3) One-time Transitional Costs can only be used to support Medicaid eligible Transition to Community Living Initiative participants to transition from an institutional setting into his or her own home OR to divert entry into an Adult Care Home due to preadmission screening and diversion (PASSAR).

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